



38th Annual Virtual

Protecting Our Children

Honoring Our Past, Present, and Future Generations

Virtual Conference Schedule-**Eastern Daylight Time**

Monday, March 30

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Opening Welcome by Sarah Kastelic, MSW, PhD, NICWA executive director

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Child Welfare as Medicine: Terry Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, DHL, NICWA founder and senior advisor

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Session One

Family Healing to Wellness Courts and Active Efforts (Carrie Garrow, JD, and Lauren van Schilfgaarde, JD)

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Session Two

Working with Substance-Abusing Families (Terry Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, DHL)

5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Session Three

Promising Practices in Tribal-State Child Welfare Collaborations (David Simmons, MSW)

7:30 p.m.– 8:15 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting



Tuesday, March 31

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Session Four

The Family First Prevention Services Act: Is It a Tool for Providing Culturally Based Services for Families at Risk? (Jack Trope, JD, and David Simmons, MSW)

1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Community Healing through Intergenerational Exchange: Living Our Cultural Values and Beliefs

Cindy Blackstock, PhD, executive director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada

Followed by honoring of NICWA Champion for Native Children, Cindy Blackstock, PhD

3:00 p.m. –4:30 p.m.

Session Five

Evaluating Culturally Based Programs: Positive Indian Parenting (Puneet Sahota, MD, PhD; Deana Around Him, DrPH; and DeeAnna (D.J.) Personius)

5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Session Six

Recruiting and Engaging Foster and Adoptive Families (Alicia Groh, Rebekah Main, and Mary Boo)



Wednesday, April 1

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Session Seven

ICWA in the Courts and State Legislatures: A Legal Update Covering the Federal Court Challenges to ICWA and Opportunities for State ICWA Laws (Dan Lewerenz, JD; Erin Dougherty Lynch, JD; and Kathryn Fort, JD)

1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

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Don Coyhis, President and Founder, White Bison, Inc.

3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Session Eight

A Relational Approach to Transcending ACEs and Intergenerational Trauma (Jessica Elm, PhD; Jessica Saniguq Ullrich, PhD; and LaVerne Xilegg Demientieff, PhD)

5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

Session Nine

We R Native, Healthy Native Youth, and Celebrate Our Magic: Promoting Inclusivity in Adolescent Health and Well-Being (Michelle Singer, Morgan Thomas, and Thomas Ghost Dog)

Followed by closing Remarks by Sarah Kastelic, MSW, PhD, NICWA executive director